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[11](#). (C) PolCouns discussed ref b points with MFA Director for International Organizations Affairs Ambassador Mansour al-Awadi on October 8. Al-Awadi said Kuwait's Foreign Minister Dr. Mohammed Al-Sabah personally assured the Guatemalan FM of Kuwait's vote when the two met recently in New York. Al-Awadi added that Kuwait fully understands why Venezuela cannot be considered for a UNSC seat "so long as it is ruled by that crazy man."

[12](#). (C) CDA also raised the upcoming vote with MFA U/S Khalid Jarallah on October 9. Jarallah said Kuwait's support for Guatemala was "solid" and based not just on repeated U.S. demarches, but on the GOK assessment that its interests in a credible, smoothly functioning UNSC would be damaged by Venezuela taking a seat on the council.
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